

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 444

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Martha Gillon of St. Mary's Episcopal School, upon being named *The Commercial Appeal's* 2006-2007 First Tennessee Academic All-Star for Social Sciences and History.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martha Gillon, an esteemed student at St. Mary's Episcopal School, has been duly recognized as *The Commercial Appeal's* 2006-2007 First Tennessee Academic All-Star in the subject area of Social Sciences and History; and

WHEREAS, in its inaugural year, *The Commercial Appeal's* First Tennessee Academic All-Stars program spotlights standout students in the newspaper and honors them for their dedication to academics, school leadership, and community service; and

WHEREAS, since the all-star program's September inception, principals from fifty Memphis area schools have nominated nearly 600 exceptional students for it; from those 600 students, ten were chosen to the all-star program, each of whom having excelled in a particular subject area; and

WHEREAS, with a passion for social issues affecting the world, Martha Gillon is one such outstanding student who was named to the all-star program for her active participation in activities that can make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gillon illustrated a comic book, written by her Global Issues class, on the importance of hand hygiene in the reduction of the spread of disease, and she has also traveled to Mexico to perform mission work; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Martha Gillon was named the Model United Nation's Court of Justice liaison, received the Scholastic Art Silver Award, an AP World History

Award, and the Xavier University Book Award; she was also named a National Merit

Semifinalist; and

WHEREAS, with a heartfelt desire to help the physically-challenged members of her community, Ms. Gillon has worked at Camp Live-It-Up!, a camp for children with cerebral palsy; she also has a passion for law and politics; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depends, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Martha Gillon who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Martha Gillon is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Martha Gillon, of St. Mary's Episcopal School, upon her selection as *The Commercial Appeal's* 2006-2007 First Tennessee Academic All-Star in the subject area of Social Sciences and History, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, academic prowess, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.